| Activity | No. of Project | RIDF Loan Sanctioned (Rs. in crore) | Irrigation Potential (Ha.) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Major Irrigation | 14 | 464.40 | 212278 |
| Medium Irrigation | 11 | 441.71 | 70144 |
| Miner Irrigation | 286 | 536.71 | 123286 |
| Total: | 311 | 1442.82 | 405708 |

Project-wise details for 1995-96 to 2007-08 as provided by NABARD is given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 213 Annexure No. 1]

**Level of ground water**

†613. SHRIMANGANILAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water crisis is increasing day by day and the level of availability of ground water is going down by one metre every year in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the views of Government alongwith the details thereof for the last ten years;

(c) whether it is a fact that a scheme meant for resolving this very serious problem affecting the lives of the people of whole nation is under consideration of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV**): (a) to (d) According to observations by Central Ground Water Board, the level of ground water is falling in certain parts of country. The main reasons for this fall are withdrawal of ground water in excess of annual recharge, increase in the demand for various types of uses, reduced recharge to aquifers due to urbanization and free electricity for extraction of ground water in some States.

State Government and Central Government have taken action for water harvesting and ground water recharge to arrest decline in the levels of ground water. The Ministry of Water Resources have a scheme on "Artificial Recharge to Ground Water through dugewells" in seven States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka.

**Water management programme in Goa**

614. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Command Area Development and Water Management Programme are being implemented in Goa;

(b) the details of the activities undertaken under the scheme by agencies implementing the scheme;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.